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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Assistant Professor, University of Richmond School of Law (2015 - present)
Teaching Trusts & Estates and Family Law

Columbia Law School, Associate-in-Law (2013-2015)
Taught Legal Practice Workshop to first-year law students; organized and ran weekly Associates and Fellows Workshop.

Yale University, Women Faculty Forum, Gender Equity Postdoctoral Associate (2011-2012)
Helped design, organize and raise \$70k for international conference on comparative gender parity law; performed research and analysis on the status of women faculty in higher education; wrote successful \$20k grant application to Sloan Foundation for development of a web-based tool to assess gender climate at universities.

EDUCATION:

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
J.D.

Activities: Editor-in-Chief, Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities
Board Member and Community Co-Chair, Yale Law Women
Student Director, Community Economic Development Clinic
Chair, Gender Committee, American Constitution Society

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Ph.D. conferred in French Literature

Dissertation: Hall of Mirrors: Reflections of Sentimental and Political Power in Pierre Corneille's Theater

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA
B.A. conferred *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS:

Divorce Equality, 90 WASH. L. REV. ____ (2015)

The Secret Economy of Charitable Giving, 95 B.U. L. REV. ____ (2015)

Publicity Rules for Public Trusts, 33 CARDOZO ARTS & ENT. L. J. ____ (2015)

The Beginning of the End of Coverture: A Reappraisal of the Married Woman's Separate Estate
26 YALE J. L. & FEM. 1 (2014)

A Tale of Three Families: Historical Households, Earned Belonging, and Natural Connections
63 HASTINGS L. J. 1345 (2012)

What We Didn't See Before, 24 YALE J.L. & HUMAN. 3 (2012)

Constructing Courts: Architecture, the Ideology of Judging, and the Public Sphere
with Judith Resnik and Denny Curtis, in TREATISE ON LEGAL VISUAL SEMIOTICS (2012)

Polygamy, Publicity, and Locality: The Place of the Public in Marriage (symposium piece)
2011 MICH. ST. L. REV. 171 (2011)

Mancession or Momcession? Good Providers, Bad Economies and Gender Discrimination in the Workplace
with Joan C. Williams, 86 CHI-KENT L. REV. 857 (2011)

Narrative and the Origins of Law
with Luke Norris, in 5 Law and Humanities 11 (2011)

Family Model and Mystical Body: Witnessing Gender through Political Metaphor in the Early Modern Nation State, 36 Women's Studies Quarterly 76 (2008)

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS:

"Divorce Equality." Presented at the Law and Society Conference; Seattle, WA (May 2015); Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference; Orlando, FL (June 2015); AALS Mid-Year Meeting: The Shifting Foundations of Family Law; Orlando, FL (June 2015)

"Publicity Rules for Public Trusts." Presented at 18th Annual Conference for the Association of the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities; Washington D.C. (March 2015)

"Rejecting Amphibious Women and Great Estates." Presented at the "Consent in Early America" conference; Oxford, England (March 2015)

Chair and Commentator, "Marriage and the Law in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries" panel. North Eastern Conference on British Studies; Lewiston, ME (October 2014)

"Harmful Marriages." Presented at the Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference; Minneapolis, MN (May 2014)

"Chancery's Support for Married Women's Wills in Eighteenth-Century England." Presented at the American Society for Legal History Annual Conference; Miami, FL (November 2013)

“Within the Sound of Church Bells’: The Distance Between Formal and Informal Marriage.” Presented at the “Modernizing Marriage through E-Marriage Symposium,” Michigan State University College of Law; East Lansing, MI (November 2010)

“Ruth Stubb’s White Dress: Recognizing Marriage in Polygamous Households.” Presented at the 13th Annual Conference for the Association of the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities; Providence, RI (March 2010)

“Legal Order Through Literary Narrative.” Presented at the International Symposium on Law and Literature; Paris, France (February 2010)

“Paternal Justice and State Interest. Murderous Fathers in the Theater of Racine and Corneille.” Presented at the 12th Annual Conference for the Association of the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities; Boston, MA (April 2009)

“Territorial Campaigns: the Mistress Makes a Map.” Presented at the 5th Annual Conference in Citizenship Studies, Wayne State University; Detroit, MI (March 2008)

COMMENTARY AND REPORTS:

“Women, Men and the University: A View from 2012,” Yale Women Faculty Forum; Aug. 2012

“Alimony Should Be Gender-Neutral,” Feminist Law Professors; July 5, 2012

“Dan Burk: Do Patents Have Gender?” Written Description; Nov. 9, 2011

“The Remarkable Run of a Political Icon: Justice as a Sign of the Law,” (rare book display with accompanying booklet) curated with Judith Resnik, Dennis Curtis and Mike Widener; Sept. 2011

“Kara Swanson: Feminism, Corsets, and IP,” Written Description; May 5, 2011

“Farm Bill 2012: Building Coalitions for Change,” Ludwig Community and Economic Development Clinic at Yale Law School; Dec. 3, 2010

“Discrimination in Mortgage Lending on the Basis of Pregnancy and Maternity Leave,” Center for WorkLife Law; Sept. 2010

“The Return of Regency,” guest post with Judith Resnik, Slate; Sept. 11, 2008

PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Lillian Goldman Perpetual Scholarship Recipient, Yale Law School	2009-2011
Presidential Public Service Fellow, Yale Law School	summer 2009
Paul Gignilliat Fellowship, Yale University	1997-1998
Beinecke Research Fellowship, Yale University	summer 1996

Charles A. Parcels Fellowship, Yale University 1994-1997
High Departmental Honors, Bryn Mawr College French Department 1994
Pauline Jones Prize for Excellence in French Literature, Bryn Mawr College 1994

SERVICE AND COMMITTEE WORK:

Family Law Scholars and Teachers, Organizing Committee Co-Chair (2015- 2016)
AALS Law & Humanities Section, Secretary (2014- present)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

The Honorable Richard Palmer, Connecticut Supreme Court, Law Clerk (2012-2013)

Center for WorkLife Law, Summer Law Clerk (Summer 2010)
Worked with Professor Joan Williams researching issues related to workplace discrimination against caregivers; assisted on Kellogg Foundation report about low-wage workers.

Yale Law School, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization (Summer 2009)
Planned and successfully raised \$50k for the conference “Developing Food Law: U.S. and International Perspectives;” developed syllabus and taught law school reading group about American food policy and the farm bill; wrote research briefs and reports on food policy issues.

Yale School of Management, Associate Director of Development (2005 - 2008)
Managed all gift compliance; reviewed all gift agreements, including planned gift agreements; managed annual endowment and planned giving reporting; wrote foundation and planned giving proposals that raised \$10M; managed Executive Campaign Committee; developed programming to increase engagement with women donors and alumnae.

University of Colorado Foundation, Associate Director, Donor Relations (2003 – 2005)
Reviewed all gift agreements, including for planned gifts; created annual financial reporting for over 800 endowment and planned giving donors; monitored underwater endowments; developed new reporting templates and processes for donors to endowed faculty funds.